

Application No. 10/552,042
Amendment dated September 19, 2006
First Preliminary Amendment

Docket No.: 2723-0145PUS1

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to remove the reference numerals and any references to multi-dependent claims. No new matter has been entered.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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